Cape Breton County Statistical Profile

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Cape Breton County occupies the industrial northeast corner of Cape Breton Island. The area has been associated with coal and steel since the beginning of the century, with the major coal seams in a coastal fringe, extending 52 kilometers on either side from Sydney and North Sydney.

The county is connected with the early history of Canada, with much of the English-French confrontation centered around Louisbourg. During the early 1970's the Louisbourg Fortress was reconstructed and has now become a major tourist attraction.

Sydney is the county seat and largest urban centre. The adjacent towns of Glace Bay, Dominion, New Waterford and Sydney Mines are primarily mining communities. North Sydney is the western terminus for C.N. Marine which operates the passenger and freight ferry services to Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland.

Since the late 1970's expansion of coal production in the area has been undertaken by the Cape Breton Development Corporation (DEVCO). At the same time, extensive renovations are being made at the provincially owned Sydney Steel (SYSCO) mill, and coal-fired thermal generating plants are being completed at Lingan.

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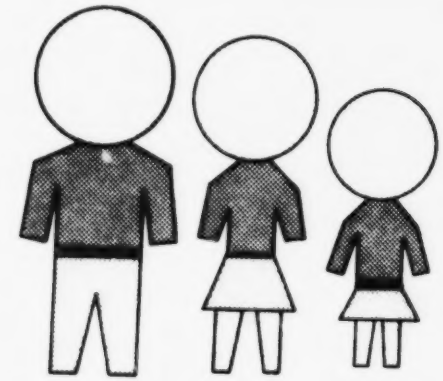
Statistical Summary

	YEAR	CAPE BRETON COUNTY	% OF NOVA SCOTIA
Land area (sq. kilometers)	-	2,473	4.7
Population	1981	127,035	15.0
Population density (per sq. kilometer)	1981	51.4	321.3
Labour Force	1981	49,695	7.8
Employed	1981	42,110	12.4
Average income per tax filer ($)	1980	10,156	91.8
Total retail sales ($'000)	1982	417,400	13.8
Retail sales per capita ($)	1982	3,286	92.8
Number of farms	1981	142	2.8
Lumber production (M. fbm.)	1982	1,581	1.1
Pulpwood production (m^3 solid wood)	1982	97,687	5.0
Sea fish landings (metric tonnes)	1982	53,304	11.4
Sea fish landings ($'000)	1982	23,265	9.0
Number of manufacturing establishments	1979	58	7.5
Value of manufacturing shipments ($'000)	1979	300,731	9.4
Number of permits for residential units	1982	559	14.7
Value of total building permits ($'000)	1982	43,412	13.4

SOURCES: Statistics Canada, Canadian Markets, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Revenue Canada

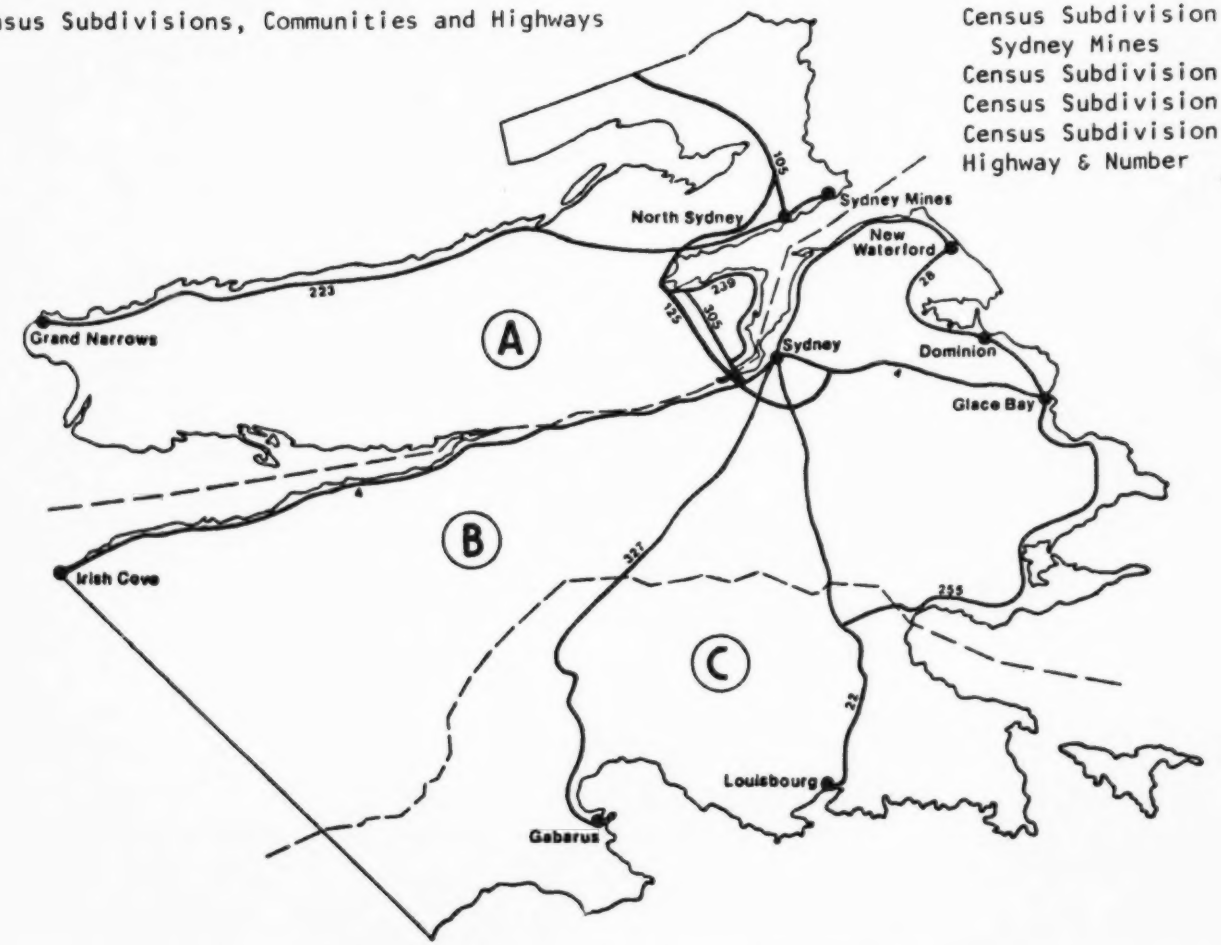


Map 1

Subdivisions, Communities and Highways

Cape Breton County

Census Subdivisions, Communities and Highways



Graph 1

Index of Population Growth
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

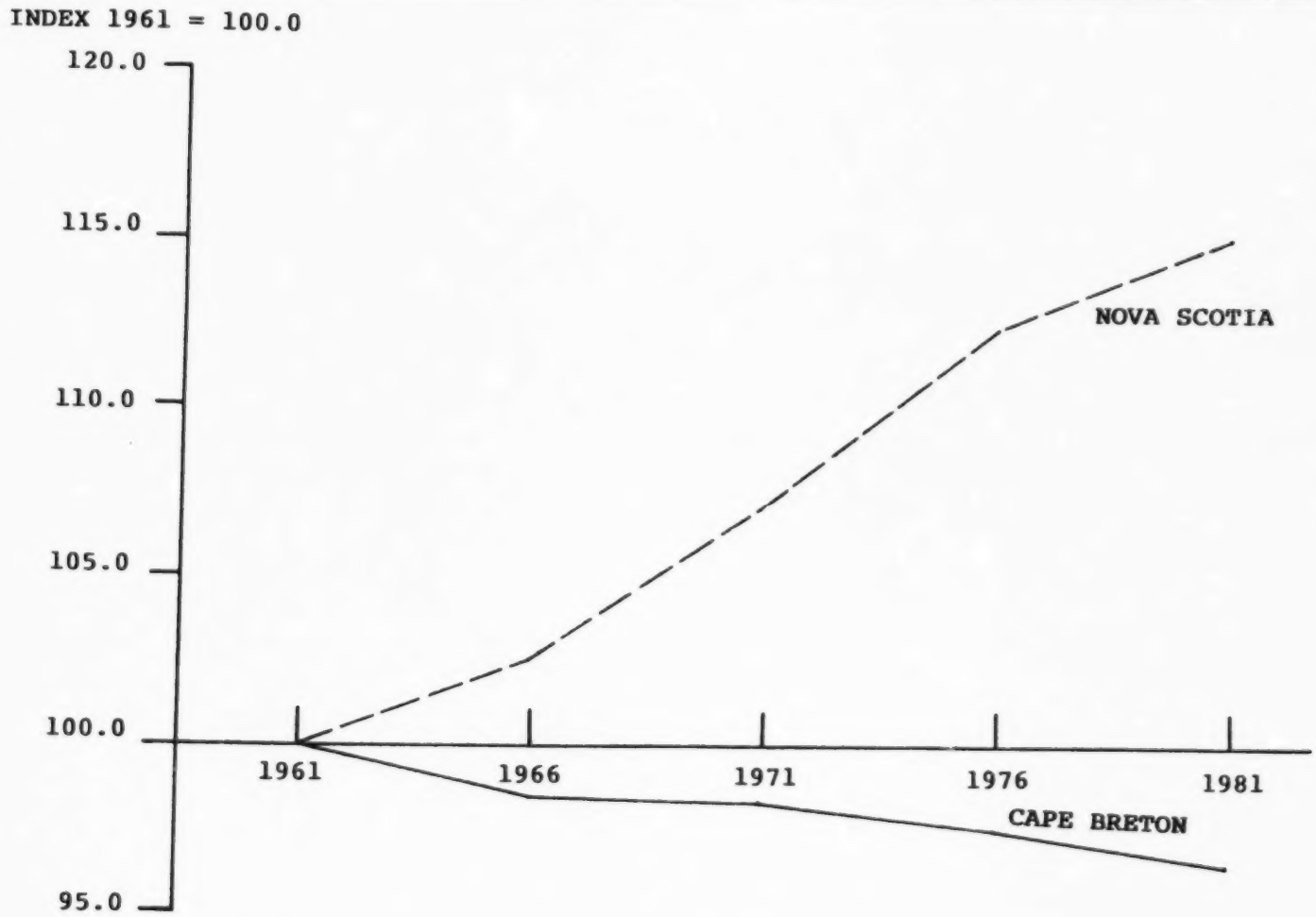


Table 1

Population Growth

Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981

	1961	1966	1971	1976	1981
NOVA SCOTIA	737,007	756,039	788,960	828,571	847,442
Cape Breton County	131,507	129,572	129,075	128,229	127,035
Dominion	2,999	2,960	2,879	2,938	2,856
Glace Bay	24,186	23,516	22,440	21,836	21,466
Louisbourg	1,417	1,617	1,582	1,519	1,410
New Waterford	10,592	9,725	9,579	9,223	8,808
North Sydney	8,657	8,752	8,604	8,319	7,820
Sydney	33,617	32,767	33,230	30,645	29,444
Sydney Mines	9,122	9,171	8,991	8,965	8,501
Sub. A - Grand Narrows-Sydney Mines	14,827	14,893	15,165	16,674	17,323
Sub. B - Big Pond-Sydney	22,593	22,613	22,751	23,654	24,577
Sub. C - Louisbourg Area	2,224	2,206	2,305	2,641	2,788
Indian Reserves	1,273	1,352	1,549	1,815	2,042

Index of Population Growth Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1961-1981.

NOVA SCOTIA	100.0	102.6	107.0	112.4	115.0
Cape Breton County	100.0	98.5	98.2	97.5	96.6
Dominion	100.0	98.7	96.0	98.0	95.2
Glace Bay	100.0	97.2	92.8	90.3	88.8
Louisbourg	100.0	114.1	111.6	107.2	99.5
New Waterford	100.0	91.8	90.4	87.1	83.2
North Sydney	100.0	101.1	99.4	96.1	90.3
Sydney	100.0	97.5	98.8	91.2	87.6
Sydney Mines	100.0	100.5	98.6	98.3	93.2
Sub. A - Grand Narrows-Sydney Mines	100.0	100.4	102.3	112.5	116.8
Sub. B - Big Pond-Sydney	100.0	100.1	100.7	104.7	108.8
Sub. C - Louisbourg Area	100.0	99.2	103.6	118.8	125.4
Indian Reserves	100.0	106.2	121.7	142.5	160.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 2

Population of Unincorporated Centres of 200+ Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976	1981		1976	1981
Alder Point	682	651	Marconi Towers	419	375
Balls Creek	n/a	426	Marion Bridge	374	430
Birch Grove	369	424	Meadows Road	215	239
Bras d'Or	604	489	Mill Creek	609	667
Catalone	197	260	Millville Boularderie	372	590
Donkin	1,087	859	New Victoria	1,345	1,363
Dutch Brook	164	310	Point Edward	331	366
East Bay	269	268	Port Caledonia	n/a	306
Edwardsville	398	343	Port Morien	763	711
Frenchvale	202	506	Prime Brook	246	439
Gannon Road	884	793	Reserve Mines	2,394	2,454
Gardiner Mines	598	946	Scotch Lake	167›	215
Hornes Road	230›	285	Scotchtown	2,086	2,020
Howie Centre	262	1,386	South Bar of Sydney River	853	891
Little Brad d'Or	219	287	Sydney Forks	611	719
Little Pond	210	293	Victoria Mines	339	346
Main-a-Dieu	433	402	Westmount	2,080	3,066

› area is larger than in other Census year
n/a Not Available

Due to the lack of legal or official boundaries, the Census is not always able to distinguish the population of these unincorporated places from that of the surrounding area.

The population totals shown in this report for 1976 and 1981 should thus be considered as approximations.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 3

Rural and Urban Population Distribution
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	CAPE BRETON COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	Number		%		Number		%	
	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981	1976[1]	1981[2]	1976	1981
Rural	28,664	30,833	22.4	24.3	360,416	380,600	43.5	44.9
Non-Farm	28,039	30,289	21.9	23.8	338,970	362,484	40.9	42.8
Farm	625	544	0.5	0.5	21,446	18,116	2.6	2.1
Urban	99,565	96,202	77.6	75.7	466,155	466,842	56.5	55.1
Total	128,229	127,035	100.0	100.0	828,571	847,442	100.0	100.0

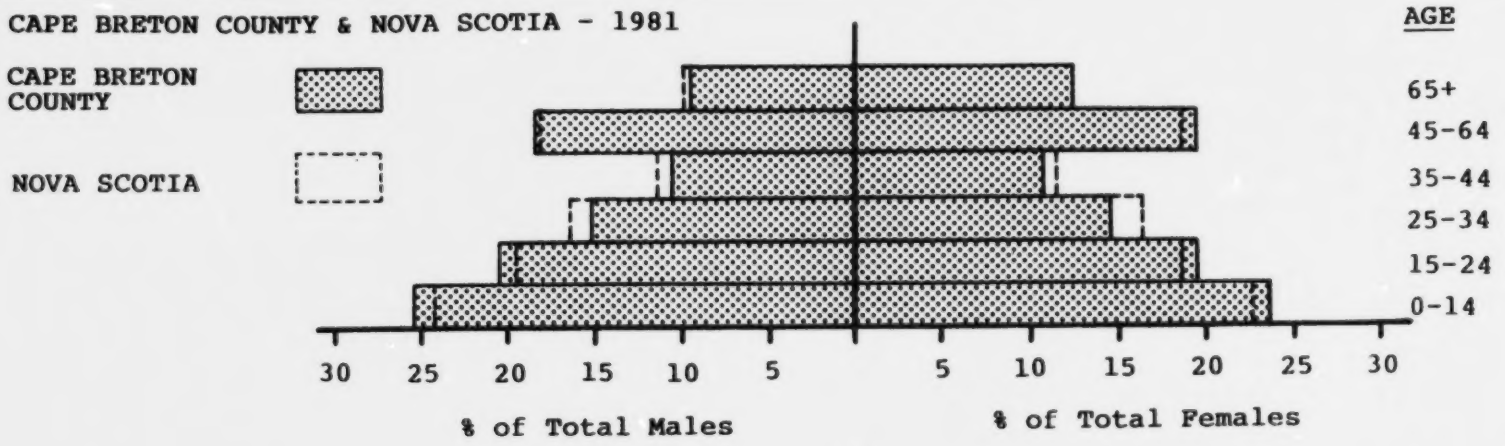
[1]Based on 1981 definition of farm population.

[2]Farm population in 1981 refers to all persons living in a farm operator household on a farm situated in either a rural or urban area. Only farms with sales of $250 or more are included.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Graph 2

Age-Sex Pyramids
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981



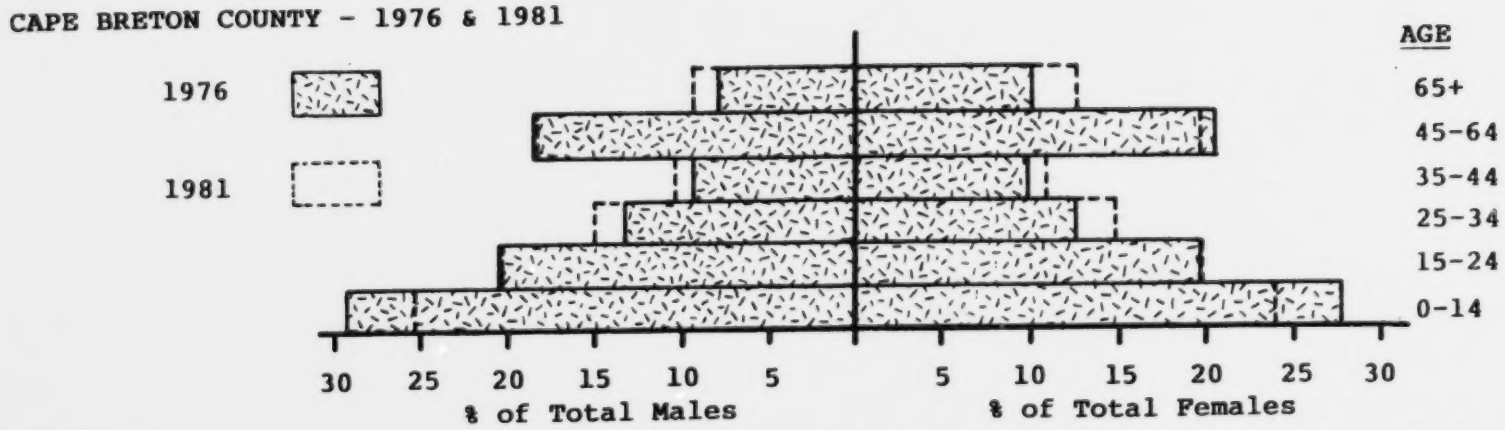


Table 4

Age-Sex % Distribution of the Population Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

Age	CAPE BRETON COUNTY				NOVA SCOTIA			
	1976		1981		1976		1981	
	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %	Male %	Female %
0-14	29.4	27.6	25.7	23.5	27.7	26.3	24.3	22.6
15-24	20.9	19.7	20.5	19.5	20.0	19.1	19.8	18.9
25-34	13.2	12.7	15.2	14.5	15.0	14.6	16.5	16.4
35-44	9.8	9.8	10.8	10.5	10.4	10.1	11.6	11.2
45-64	18.8	20.3	18.4	19.8	18.2	19.1	18.1	18.7
65+	8.0	10.0	9.4	12.2	8.6	10.8	9.7	12.2
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
TOTAL NUMBER	63,960	64,270	62,570	64,465	414,155	414,420	419,575	427,865

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 5

Population by Marital Status and Sex
Cape Breton County, 1981

		Total Population	SINGLE (NEVER MARRIED)			MARRIED			WIDOWED	DIVORCED
			Total	Under 15 yrs.	15 yrs. & Over	Total	Married	Separated		
Nova Scotia	- T	847,440	383,005	198,490	184,515	402,505	388,885	13,625	45,480	16,450
	- M	419,575	203,730	101,740	101,990	200,780	194,800	5,975	8,040	7,025
	- F	427,865	179,275	96,750	82,525	201,725	194,085	7,640	37,440	9,420
Cape Breton Co.	- T	127,035	61,160	31,180	29,980	56,315	54,375	1,960	7,740	1,825
	- M	62,570	32,350	16,045	16,305	28,060	27,225	845	1,355	795
	- F	64,470	28,805	15,130	13,675	28,255	27,150	1,105	6,380	1,030
Dominion	- T	2,855	1,470	760	710	1,185	1,150	35	170	30
	- M	1,380	755	390	365	590	575	15	25	15
	- F	1,475	710	370	340	595	575	20	150	15
Glace Bay	- T	21,465	10,110	5,200	4,910	9,495	9,175	320	1,515	350
	- M	10,520	5,385	2,695	2,690	4,720	4,600	120	270	150
	- F	10,950	4,725	2,500	2,225	4,780	4,580	200	1,245	200
Louisbourg	- T	1,410	630	335	295	680	655	20	85	20
	- M	695	330	170	160	335	325	10	15	10
	- F	720	300	160	140	340	330	15	70	10
New Waterford	- T	8,805	4,310	2,040	2,270	3,745	3,595	150	620	130
	- M	4,355	2,320	1,050	1,270	1,865	1,805	65	110	55
	- F	4,450	1,995	990	1,005	1,880	1,790	85	510	75
North Sydney	- T	7,820	3,790	1,865	1,925	3,405	3,255	145	535	90
	- M	3,790	1,995	980	1,015	1,675	1,620	55	85	35
	- F	4,030	1,800	885	915	1,725	1,635	95	450	55
Sydney	- T	29,445	13,750	6,145	7,605	12,860	12,270	595	2,220	615
	- M	14,045	7,055	3,160	3,895	6,395	6,135	255	365	235
	- F	15,405	6,700	2,990	3,710	6,470	6,135	335	1,860	380
Sydney Mines	- T	8,500	4,240	2,095	2,145	3,590	3,465	130	560	105
	- M	4,185	2,230	1,060	1,170	1,785	1,740	50	120	40
	- F	4,315	2,010	1,035	975	1,805	1,725	80	440	60

Table 6

Vital Statistics
Cape Breton County, 1975-1981

	LIVE BIRTHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE					DEATHS BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Cape Breton County	1,933	1,884	1,920	1,868	1,788	1,138	1,151	1,151	1,172	1,100
Dominion	45	45	44	45	36	27	23	28	24	25
Glace Bay	354	339	322	311	307	235	234	217	216	220
Louisbourg	26	20	24	28	21	10	18	15	13	8
New Waterford	142	126	156	155	141	99	84	98	105	94
North Sydney	145	161	132	135	122	96	85	87	85	85
Sydney	508	445	494	491	468	322	347	359	382	346
Sydney Mines	109	138	130	128	107	84	74	91	81	62

SOURCE: Department of Health, Vital Statistics

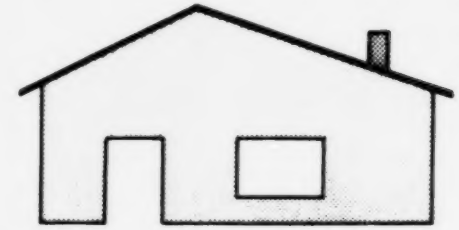


Table 7
Family Characteristics
Cape Breton County, 1981

	TOTAL FAMILIES	FAMILIES BY NUMBER OF PERSONS							TOTAL PERSONS IN FAMILIES	AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER FAMILY	
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8+		1981	1976
Nova Scotia											
Number	216,200	78,495	48,280	50,540	24,520	9,315	3,125	1,920	721,035	3.3	3.5
% of Total	100.0	36.3	22.3	23.4	11.3	4.3	1.4	0.9			
Cape Breton County											
Number	31,135	9,655	7,110	7,175	4,070	1,830	730	555	110,645	3.6	3.8
% of Total	100.0	31.0	22.8	23.0	13.1	5.9	2.3	1.8			
Dominion	675	185	130	175	100	50	10	25	2,540	3.8	4.0
Glace Bay	5,345	1,755	1,235	1,205	705	275	85	85	18,570	3.5	3.7
Louisbourg	360	135	60	85	50	20	5	5	1,225	3.4	3.7
New Waterford	2,160	635	530	505	290	125	45	30	7,680	3.6	3.9
North Sydney	1,865	585	385	415	235	145	65	35	6,760	3.6	3.9
Sydney	7,250	2,575	1,735	1,515	830	395	125	75	24,445	3.4	3.6
Sydney Mines	2,025	565	480	465	250	125	80	60	7,510	3.7	4.0
Eskasoni*	300	50	55	55	40	40	25	35	1,430	4.7	5.2
Membertou*	55	10	15	10	15	5	5	5	270	4.7	-
Cape Breton Munic.	11,100	3,160	2,490	2,745	1,565	645	290	205	40,205	3.6	3.9

*Reserve

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 8

Family Incomes
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1980

	1980		
	Average Family Income	% of Nova Scotia Average	% Low Income Families of Total Families[1]
	$	%	%
Nova Scotia	21,872	100.0	14.2
Cape Breton County	20,551	93.9	16.8
Dominion	18,488	84.5	19.1
Glace Bay	18,651	85.3	22.4
Louisbourg	19,819	90.6	15.8
New Waterford	19,080	87.2	18.4
North Sydney	21,353	97.6	17.2
Sydney	21,742	99.4	17.5
Sydney Mines	20,317	92.9	17.9
Sub. A - Grand Narrows-Sydney Mines	21,671	99.1	12.5
Sub. B - Big Pond-Sydney	21,085	96.4	13.3
Sub. C - Louisbourg Area	21,096	96.5	12.1
Indian Reserves	11,617	53.1	N/A

[1]Low income statistics are based on the revised (1978) cut-offs which were initially estimated from the 1978 National Family Expenditure Survey and then updated to 1980 by the changes in the Consumer Price Index since 1978. The cut-offs are based on size of family unit and population size of area of residence.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 9

Average Income Per Income Tax Filer
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1970-1980

	ALL RETURNS FILED			
	Number	Total Income $'000	Average Income $	% Average Income of Nova Scotia Average %
Cape Breton County				
- 1970	44,412	202,045	4,549	98.8
- 1972	50,165	256,337	5,111	91.5
- 1974	52,582	366,154	6,963	96.8
- 1976	53,592	479,092	8,940	97.3
- 1978[1]	67,483	576,837	8,548	92.2
- 1980	68,750	698,248	10,156	91.8

PERCENTAGE OF RETURNS BY INCOME GROUP

Income Group	CAPE BRETON COUNTY 1970 %	CAPE BRETON COUNTY 1980 %	NOVA SCOTIA 1970 %	NOVA SCOTIA 1980 %
Under $2,000	26.5		27.6	
$ 2,000 - $ 4,000	25.0	35.3	25.9	32.4
$ 4,000 - $ 5,000	8.8		10.2	
$ 5,000 - $ 7,500	34.5	11.6	29.2	11.3
$ 7,500 - $10,000		11.1		11.1
$10,000 - $15,000	4.0	15.5	5.1	17.9
$15,000 - $20,000	0.7	13.8	1.1	12.4
$20,000 - $25,000	0.6	7.0	0.9	7.2
$25,000 - $30,000		3.2		3.6
$30,000 +		2.5		4.1

[1]Comparatively lower average income in 1978 is due to a greater number of low income returns filed to claim child tax credit. This claim applies also to succeeding years.

SOURCE: Revenue Canada, Taxation; Taxation Statistics

Table 10

Households and Average Number of Persons per Household
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS		AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD	
	1976	1981	1976	1981
Nova Scotia	243,100	273,195	3.3	3.0
Cape Breton County	33,500	36,810	3.7	3.4
Dominion	705	775	4.1	3.6
Glace Bay	5,808	6,265	3.7	3.4
Louisbourg	420	430	3.5	3.2
New Waterford	2,328	2,495	3.9	3.5
North Sydney	2,146	2,240	3.8	3.4
Sydney	8,627	9,360	3.4	3.0
Sydney Mines	2,199	2,350	4.0	3.6
Subdivision A	4,195	4,795	3.9	3.6
Subdivision B	6,065	6,925	3.8	3.5
Subdivision C	700	795	3.7	3.5
Indian Reserves	315	385	5.7	5.3

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 11

Occupied Dwellings by Tenure and Type
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1976 and 1981

	DOMINION	GLACE BAY	LOUISBOURG	NEW WATERFORD	NORTH SYDNEY	SYDNEY	SYDNEY MINES	MUNIC. OF CAPE BRETON	CAPE BRETON COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
TENURE:										
1976 - Owned (%)	85.8	82.4	82.1	81.9	75.5	66.5	84.1	89.1	80.4	72.4
Rented (%)	14.2	17.6	17.9	18.1	14.5	33.5	15.9	10.9	19.6	27.6
Total (No.)	705	5,810	420	2,330	2,145	8,625	2,200	11,270	33,505	243,100
1981 - Owned (%)	84.8	80.3	82.8	80.7	73.9	62.1	83.3	89.0	78.7	71.5
Rented (%)	15.2	19.7	17.2	19.3	26.1	37.9	16.7	11.0	21.3	28.5
Total (No.)	775	6,265	435	2,495	2,240	9,355	2,350	12,900	36,810	273,195
TYPE:										
1976 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	90.8	92.8	86.9	91.6	86.5	82.3	92.1	89.0	88.1	78.9
Apartments (%)	2.8	7.1	7.1	7.3	13.5	17.7	5.2	2.4	8.5	15.4
Mobile (%)	6.4	0.1	6.0	1.1	-	-	2.7	8.6	3.4	5.7
Total (No.)	705	5,810	420	2,330	2,145	8,625	2,200	11,270	33,505	243,100
1981 - Singles, Doubles & Row (%)	88.4	92.8	88.5	91.0	85.0	77.8	89.4	88.8	86.6	77.9
Apartments (%)	5.8	7.2	6.9	8.4	14.5	22.1	6.4	2.8	9.8	16.7
Mobile (%)	5.8	-	4.6	0.6	0.5	0.1	4.2	8.4	3.6	5.4
Total (No.)	775	6,265	435	2,495	2,240	9,355	2,350	12,900	36,810	273,195

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

LABOUR FORCE

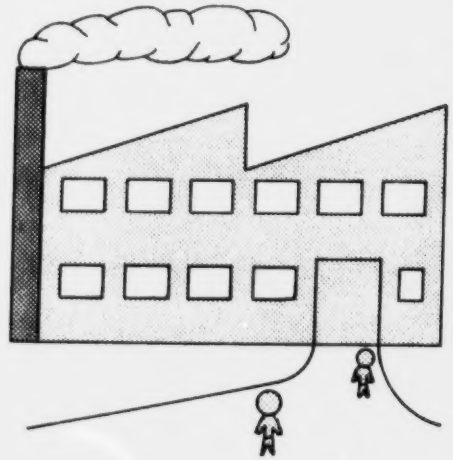


Table 12
Labour Force Activity
Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976			1981		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population 15+	45,180	46,615	91,795	46,030	48,705	94,730
Labour Force	28,475	14,740	43,215	30,840	18,850	49,695
Employment	24,755	12,190	36,945	26,500	15,610	42,110
Unemployment	3,720	2,555	6,270	4,345	3,245	7,585
Unemployment Rate[1]	13.1	17.3	14.5	14.1	17.2	15.3
Participation Rate[2]	63.0	31.6	47.1	67.0	38.7	52.5

[1]Unemployed as a percent of labour force.

[2]Labour force as a percent of population 15+.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 13

Labour Force 15 Years and Over, by Age, Sex and Level of Schooling
Cape Breton County, 1981

	Total	No Certificate Or Diploma Less Than Grade 9	No Certificate Or Diploma Grades 9 - 13	High School Certificate Or Diploma	Trades, University Or Other Non-University Certificate Or Diploma	University Degree
Labour Force						
Total	49,695	7,065	16,765	7,440	14,555	3,880
Male	30,845	5,550	10,385	4,020	8,600	2,290
Female	18,850	1,515	6,385	3,420	5,950	1,590
Aged 15 - 24						
Total	12,510	1,120	4,910	3,425	2,515	540
Male	7,155	895	3,015	1,780	1,185	285
Female	5,355	225	1,890	1,650	1,330	255
Aged 25 - 44						
Total	23,890	2,585	6,990	3,085	8,745	2,485
Male	14,795	1,980	4,375	1,655	5,245	1,535
Female	9,090	600	2,610	1,430	3,495	950
Aged 45 - 54						
Total	7,275	1,740	2,600	535	1,930	465
Male	4,820	1,455	1,525	350	1,255	245
Female	2,455	290	1,075	185	675	220
Aged 55 - 64						
Total	5,225	1,445	1,990	305	1,195	285
Male	3,605	1,120	1,300	175	825	175
Female	1,620	320	690	125	370	105
Aged 65 +						
Total	805	170	280	85	165	105
Male	465	95	165	55	95	55
Female	335	70	115	30	70	50

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 14

Labour Force[1], 15 Years and Over, by Sex, Showing Industry Divisions
Cape Breton County, 1981

	CAPE BRETON COUNTY			% OF TOTAL LABOUR FORCE[1]	
	Male	Female	Total	Cape Breton Co.	Nova Scotia
Agriculture	150	50	195	0.4	2.3
Forestry	190	15	210	0.4	1.3
Fishing and Trapping	360	30	390	0.8	2.0
Mines, Quarries and Oil Wells	4,060	155	4,220	8.8	1.8
Manufacturing	6,040	1,400	7,440	15.4	15.0
Construction	3,015	185	3,200	6.6	6.5
Transportation, Communication & Other Utilities	3,860	660	4,515	9.4	8.0
Trade	4,495	3,840	8,335	17.3	17.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	585	860	1,450	3.0	4.4
Community, Business & Personal Services	5,130	9,765	14,900	30.9	29.2
Public Administration & Defence	2,350	995	3,345	6.9	12.1
Total Labour Force[1]	30,235	17,970	48,195	100.0	100.0

[1]By place of residence, excludes persons looking for work who last worked prior to January 1, 1980, or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Cnesus of Canada

Table 15

Experienced Labour Force[1] by Occupation Groups
Cape Breton County, 1981

	CAPE BRETON COUNTY			% OF TOTAL EXPERIENCED LABOUR FORCE	
	Male	Female	Total	Cape Breton Co.	Nova Scotia
Managerial, Administrative & Related	1,955	735	2,685	5.6	7.3
Natural Sciences, Engineering & Math	845	55	900	1.9	2.8
Occupations in Social Sciences & Related	335	335	670	1.4	1.5
Occupations in Religion	105	35	145	0.3	0.3
Teaching & Related Occupations	1,020	1,650	2,675	5.5	4.7
Occupations in Medicine & Health	450	2,265	2,715	5.6	5.2
Artistic, Literary, Recreational & Related	270	180	450	0.9	1.2
Clerical & Related	1,640	5,045	6,685	13.9	16.5
Sales Occupations	2,395	2,415	4,815	10.0	9.2
Service Occupations	2,515	3,780	6,295	13.1	14.6
Farming, Horticulture & Animal Husbandry	310	60	360	0.7	2.3
Fishing, Hunting, Trapping & Related	530	25	555	1.2	2.4
Forestry & Logging	210	10	220	0.4	1.2
Mining & Quarrying	2,520	20	2,545	5.3	1.0
Processing Occupations	2,335	870	3,200	6.6	5.0
Machining & Related Occupations	845	20	860	1.8	1.6
Product Fabricating, Assembly & Repairing	2,245	95	2,340	4.9	6.1
Construction Trades	4,495	55	4,545	9.4	7.6
Transport Equipment Operating	2,110	65	2,175	4.5	4.4
Materials Handling & Related	1,395	90	1,485	3.1	2.2
Other Crafts & Equipment Operating	640	45	690	1.4	1.2
Occupations not Elsewhere Classified	1,075	120	1,190	2.5	1.7
Total Experienced Labour Force[1]	30,230	17,970	48,200	100.0	100.0

[1]Excludes persons looking for work, who last worked prior to January 1, 1980 or who never worked.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

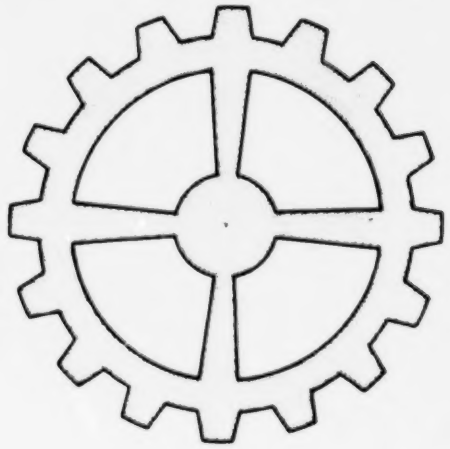


Table 16

Principal Farm Census Data
Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Farm Population	342	509
% of Total Population Living on Farms	0.3	0.4
Farm Operators by Age:		
Under 25 years	1	2
25-34 years	10	21
35-44 years	21	35
45-54 years	19	32
55-59 years	15	17
60-64 years	15	19
65 years and over	5	16
Total Number of Farms	86	142
- With sales of $2,500 +	67	88
Size of Farms:		
1- 9 acres	5	14
10- 69 acres	15	35
70- 129 acres	22	34
130- 179 acres	9	20
180- 239 acres	12	17
240- 399 acres	21	16
400- 559 acres	1	3
560- 759 acres	---	1
760- 1,119 acres	1	2
1,120- 1,599 acres	---	---
1,600+ acres	---	---

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Table 16 (cont'd.)

	1976*	1981*
Total Area of Farms - acres	14,508	19,681
Improved Land - acres	5,257	7,646
Under Crops - acres	3,995	5,102
Improved Pasture - acres	1,001	1,759
Summer Fallow - acres	64	155
Other Improved - acres	197	630
Unimproved Land - acres	9,251	12,036
Woodland - acres	6,406	8,812
Other Unimproved - acres	2,845	3,224
Average Size of Farms - acres	169	138
Improved Land as a % of Total Farm Land Area	36.2	38.8

*Note: In 1981, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding with sales of agricultural products during the year 1980 of $250 or more.

For 1976, a Census farm is defined as an agricultural holding of one acre or more with sales of agricultural products during the year 1975 of $1,200 or more.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 17

Census Farms by Economic Class and Product Type
Cape Breton County, 1976 and 1981

	1976*	1981*
Total number of farms	86	142
Number of farms by value of agricultural products sold in previous year		
$250,000 and over	(	4
$100,000 - $249,999	(6	3
$ 50,000 - $ 99,999	8	12
$ 25,000 - $ 49,999	16	10
$ 10,000 - $ 24,999	16	17
$ 5,000 - $ 9,999	10	21
$ 2,500 - $ 4,999	11	21
Under $2,500	19	54
Number of census farms with sales of $2,500 or more classified by product type - Total	67	88
Dairy	36	26
Cattle, hogs, sheep (excluding dairy farms)	4	18
Poultry	13	9
Wheat	---	---
Smallgrains (excluding wheat farms)	1	1
Field crops, other than smallgrains	2	3
Fruits and vegetables	2	6
Miscellaneous specialty	6	20
Mixed	3	5
Livestock combination	---	5
Field crops combination	---	---
Other combinations	3	---

*Note: See Table 16 for definition of census farms in 1976 and 1981.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Census of Canada

Table 18

Landed Value and Weight of Sea Fisheries
Cape Breton County, 1978-1982

	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Value - $'000	11,598	16,028	21,218	19,952	23,265
% of Nova Scotia total	5.9	7.5	9.2	7.6	9.0
Weight - metric tonnes	38,869	47,045	58,954	51,641	53,304
% of Nova Scotia total	8.4	11.3	13.2	10.8	11.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 19

Number of Fishermen by Percent of Income Derived from Fishery
Cape Breton County, 1978-1982

	% of Income Derived from Fishery			
	Total	0-25%	26-75%	76-100%
1978	572	216	118	238
1979	694	300	102	292
1980	797	337	105	355
1981	907	339	110	458
1982	963	384	105	474
% of Nova Scotia				
1978	5.8	6.9	6.6	4.8
1979	6.4	7.5	6.2	5.7
1980	7.0	8.0	6.1	6.4
1981	8.0	10.3	6.9	7.0
1982	8.8	12.0	7.5	7.4

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 24-205. Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Table 20
Area of Land Classes
Cape Breton County, 1970

	Area (Hectares)*	% of Total Area
Forest Land		
Productive Forest		
1. Softwood	115,499	44.4
2. Mixed Wood	51,287	19.7
3. Hardwood	33,472	12.9
Total Forested Land	200,267	76.9
Non-Forested Land and Non-productive Forest	45,880	17.6
Water and Flowage	25,115	9.6
Total Area of County	260,336	100.0

*1 hectare = 2.471 acres

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Inventory, Cape Breton Island Subdivision - 1970

Table 21

Forest Production Statistics
Cape Breton County, 1978-1982

	Sawn Lumber (M. fbm.)					Pulpwood (M^3 - solid wood)				
	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
Softwood	2,460	2,348	2,213	2,011	1,126	103,676	138,582	173,610	160,801	97,534
Hardwood	574	465	254	764	455	77	2,684	3,207	919	153
Total	3,034	2,813	2,467	2,775	1,581	103,753	141,266	176,817	161,720	97,687
% of Nova Scotia										
Softwood	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.8	3.8	5.1	6.1	6.4	5.3
Hardwood	12.0	5.0	3.4	7.7	5.2	-	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.1
Total	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.1	3.5	4.6	5.3	5.8	5.0

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 22

Forest Production Statistics—(in Common Measure)
Cape Breton County, 1981 and 1982

	1981	1982	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1981	% OF NOVA SCOTIA 1982
Lumber (M. fbm.)	2,775	1,581	1.6	1.1
Boxwood (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Railway Ties (M. fbm.)	623	591	38.0	36.0
Mine Packs (M. fbm.)	2,094	934	86.6	60.3
Laths (M's)	45	10	0.8	0.2
Shingles (Squares)	-	-	-	-
Staves & Headings (M. fbm.)	-	-	-	-
Residue Chips (M^3 Stacked)	3,910	3,532	0.8	1.0
Pulpwood - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	259,242	149,491	5.7	4.7
Pit Props - Rough (M^3 Stacked)	6,144	10,750	72.9	80.1
Poles & Piling (M^3)	-	40	-	2.5

SOURCE: Nova Scotia Forest Products Directory

Table 23

Principal Statistics for Manufacturing Industries
Cape Breton County, 1976-1979

		MANUFACTURING ACTIVITY								
			Production and Related Workers							
	Year	Number of Establishments	Male	Female	Man-Hours Paid ($'000)	Wages ($'000)	Cost of Fuel & Electricity ($'000)	Cost of Materials & Supplies ($'000)	Value of Shipments of Goods of Own Manufacture ($'000)	Value Added Manufacturing Activity ($'000)
North Sydney	1976	6	212	153	755	3,096	174	7,024	10,248	3,032
	1977	5	293	233	1,094	4,689	299	8,434	13,683	4,975
	1978	7	276	242	1,151	5,318	342	11,245	18,763	8,176
	1979	8	381	203	1,278	6,323	417	16,076	25,098	8,801
Sydney	1976	24	2,161	48	4,838	28,111	9,802	60,350	117,178	45,596
	1977	21	2,023	52	4,753	27,777	10,153	62,135	116,328	40,922
	1978									
	1979		Included in "Remainder of County"							
Remainder of County	1976	14	468	114	1,291	8,967	10,860	8,760	22,201	2,822
	1977	19	509	187	1,536	10,110	9,589	18,282	28,847	1,129
	1978	39	2,965	211	7,276	46,945	39,151	107,564	219,246	64,072
	1979	50	3,135	365	8,124	57,871	41,613	145,544	275,633	86,524
Cape Breton County	1976	51	3,114	413	7,686	43,553	21,556	80,009	156,966	53,491
	1977	45	2,825	472	7,382	42,581	20,041	88,851	158,859	47,026
	1978	52	3,402	534	8,980	54,536	39,555	122,987	245,144	75,126
	1979	58	3,516	568	9,402	64,194	42,030	161,620	300,731	95,325
Cape Breton County as % of Nova Scotia	1976	9.4	14.4	7.8	13.8	16.0	24.9	6.5	7.9	7.9
	1977	7.1	13.9	9.2	13.7	14.9	19.9	6.3	7.2	6.4
	1978	7.3	15.7	9.4	15.5	16.7	28.7	7.4	9.0	8.4
	1979	7.5	15.1	9.6	14.7	16.0	27.5	7.7	9.4	9.2

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 31-209

SERVICE SECTORS & CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

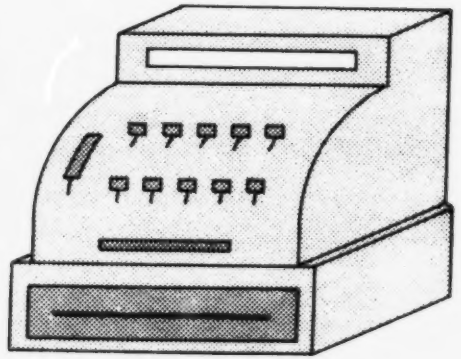

Table 24
Retail Sales
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1980-1982

	YEAR	SYDNEY[1] AGGLOMERATION	SYDNEY MINES[2] AGGLOMERATION	CAPE BRETON COUNTY	RETAIL SALES PER CAPITA SYDNEY[3] AGGLOMERATION	SYDNEY MINES[3] AGGLOMERATION	CAPE BRETON[3] COUNTY	NOVA SCOTIA
Food	1980	90,400	27,900	120,900	1,033	789	952	848
	1981	91,900	28,300	123,100	1,050	801	969	876
	1982	110,900	31,200	144,900	1,268	883	1,141	1,023
Automotive	1980	68,200	11,000	82,400	780	311	649	965
	1981	62,700	10,700	76,300	717	303	601	905
	1982	61,400	10,900	74,500	702	308	586	867
Clothing	1980	20,000	5,000	25,300	229	141	199	182
	1981	18,500	4,600	23,500	211	130	185	171
	1982	20,400	4,600	25,300	233	130	199	184
Hardware	1980	1,200	500	1,700	14	14	13	33
	1981	1,400	600	1,700	16	17	13	34
	1982	1,500	600	1,800	17	17	14	35
Home Furnishings	1980	5,000	1,800	6,800	57	51	54	66
	1981	5,100	1,900	6,900	58	54	54	67
	1982	5,400	1,900	7,500	62	54	59	73
Total Retail Sales[4]	1980	303,800	75,700	390,700	3,472	2,142	3,076	3,360
	1981	296,000	74,800	382,300	3,383	2,116	3,009	3,316
	1982	329,400	78,100	417,400	3,765	2,209	3,286	3,540

[1]Includes Sydney, Dominion, Glace Bay, New Waterford and Subdivision B.

[2]Includes Sydney Mines, North Sydney and Subdivision A.

[3]Sales per capita for the county and agglomeration areas are derived by using the 1981 Census populations.

[4]Includes sales of other retail groups not specified above.

SOURCE: The Financial Post, Canadian Markets

Table 25

Building Permits Issued
Cape Breton County and Nova Scotia, 1979-1982

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Total
		(units)				($'000)		
1979								
Dominion	20	-	20	573	-	10	-	583
Glace Bay	82	4	86	2,585	1,463	6,640	-	10,688
Louisbourg	15	-	15	395	43	23	-	461
New Waterford	30	4	34	1,311	50	99	54	1,514
North Sydney	9	20	29	947	75	3,650	-	4,672
Sydney	67	54	121	5,010	80	6,856	1,849	13,795
Sydney Mines	21	-	21	945	-	780	-	1,725
Munic. of Cape Breton Co.	420	19	439	12,415	792	17,967	612	31,786
Total, Cape Breton Co.	664	101	765	24,181	2,503	36,025	2,515	65,224
Nova Scotia	4,556	984	5,540	192,593	22,990	107,587	41,693	364,863
1980								
Dominion	20	-	20	593	-	21	5	619
Glace Bay	69	34	103	3,937	60	2,992	885	7,874
Louisbourg	9	-	9	277	-	747	-	1,024
New Waterford	23	-	23	1,112	-	55	3	1,170
North Sydney	18	-	18	798	33	35	-	866
Sydney	52	-	52	2,649	450	2,217	229	5,545
Sydney Mines	17	-	17	1,012	-	41	283	1,336
Munic. of Cape Breton Co.	417	8	425	15,158	118	2,855	250	18,381
Total, Cape Breton Co.	625	42	667	25,536	661	8,963	1,655	36,815
Nova Scotia	3,734	924	4,658	177,181	37,858	75,016	38,121	328,176

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Table 25 (cont'd.)

	NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS			VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION				
	Single & Double Dwellings	Other	Total	Residential	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Government	Total
	(units)			($'000)				
1981								
Dominion	17	-	17	582	-	4	-	586
Glace Bay	65	29	94	3,582	-	490	72	4,144
Louisbourg	4	-	4	163	-	36	48	247
New Waterford	31	-	31	1,254	-	2	-	1,256
North Sydney	9	-	9	470	-	194	1,031	1,695
Sydney	69	-	69	3,460	-	2,818	879	7,157
Sydney Mines	29	20	49	2,204	10	20	4,324	6,558
Munic. of Cape Breton Co.	287	28	315	10,992	143	599	7,838	19,572
Total, Cape Breton Co.	511	77	588	22,707	153	4,163	14,192	41,215
Nova Scotia	3,374	1,063	4,437	196,312	43,899	76,245	60,086	376,542
1982								
Dominion	7	-	7	373	-	38	-	411
Glace Bay	48	20	68	2,823	-	335	1,477	4,635
Louisbourg	4	-	4	161	7	70	430	668
New Waterford	20	25	45	1,700	-	44	9	1,753
North Sydney	13	-	13	777	-	868	4,000	5,645
Sydney	45	64	109	4,615	-	829	980	6,424
Sydney Mines	7	20	27	1,548	-	12	12	1,572
Munic. of Cape Breton Co.	271	15	286	10,474	4,996	1,252	5,582	22,304
Total, Cape Breton Co.	415	144	559	22,471	5,003	3,448	12,490	43,412
Nova Scotia	3,272	526	3,798	181,371	18,555	58,675	65,266	323,867

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, 64-203

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Cape Breton County
Facts and Figures

MUNICIPALITIES AND 1983 TAX RATES (PER $100 OF ASSESSMENT)

	Residential	Commercial
Town of Dominion	$ 2.22	$ 3.65
Town of Glace Bay	2.12	3.56
Town of Louisbourg	1.92	3.35
Town of New Waterford	2.11	3.82
Town of North Sydney	2.17	3.34
Town of Sydney Mines	1.82	3.16
City of Sydney	2.10	4.25
Municipality of Cape Breton	1.00	2.34

AREA AND DENSITY

	Land Area Sq. Kilometers	Population Density Per Sq. Kilometer
Dominion	5.6	512.7
Glace Bay	23.2	927.3
Louisbourg	4.4	324.1
New Waterford	5.3	1,674.5
North Sydney	5.4	1,445.5
Sydney	16.6	1,775.9
Sydney Mines	10.8	787.1
Municipality of Cape Breton	2,388.8	18.7
County of Cape Breton	2,472.9	51.4

DEMOGRAPHICS (ALL AS PERCENT OF TOTAL POPULATION)

Religion - 1981

Roman Catholic	62.8%
United Church	15.5%
Anglican	10.0%
Other Protestant	10.0%
Other	1.7%

Ethnic Groups - 1981

British Isles	79.1%
French	5.7%
Native Indian	1.7%
Italian	1.1%
Polish	1.0%
Other	11.4%

Mother Tongue - 1981

English	95.8%
Native Indian	1.3%
French	1.2%
Other	1.7%

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The Northside-Victoria District School Board serves Victoria County, North Cape Breton County and the towns of North Sydney and Sydney Mines. Teachers in the Cape Breton County area numbered 380 in 1982-83 while enrolment was 3,187 elementary, 1,449 junior high, 1,088 senior high school, and 733 in other programs.

The remaining areas of the county were served by 1,301 teachers with enrolments numbering 11,245 elementary, 5,087 junior high, 5,284 senior high and 757 in other programs. The Cape Breton Regional Vocational School in Sydney has 42 teachers with an enrolment of 584.

The University College of Cape Breton had an enrolment in degree and technical programs of 2,413 in 1982-83; 924 in university courses, 593 in technology programs, and 896 part-time students. The number of students in the Apprenticeship Training Program varies from month to month.

Adult Training Centre, Glace Bay Highway, adjacent to the University College of Cape Breton, provides upgrading courses and trade training for adults.

Cape Breton Business College in Sydney - stenographic and secretarial training.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES (Continued)

Canadian Coast Guard College has a campus at Westmount which can accommodate 225 officer cadets in training to become marine engineers or navigation officers.

HOSPITALS

Glace Bay General	106 beds, 10 bassinets
Glace Bay Community Hospital	140 beds, 26 bassinets
New Waterford Consolidated	88 beds, 18 bassinets
Northside General Hospital, North Sydney	199 beds, 37 bassinets
Sydney City Hospital	157 beds
St. Rita's Hospital, Sydney	178 beds, 25 bassinets
Harbour View Hospital, Sydney Mines	84 beds[1]
Cape Breton Hospital, Sydney River - Psychiatric	65 beds[1]

[1]Facility has an additional 82 beds for retarded patients.

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Sydport Industrial Park, Point Edward

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS	Approximate Employment
Cape Breton Development Corporation Coal Division, Sydney	3,200

LARGEST INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYERS (Continued)

	Approximate Employment
Sydney Steel Corporation, Sydney	2,500
Glace Bay Heavy Water Plant, Glace Bay	600
United Maritime Fishermen, Alder Point	300
Highland Fisheries Limited, Glace Bay	275
National Sea Products - North Sydney	250
- Louisbourg	245
Municipal Ready Mix Ltd., Sydney River	125
Canadian Newspaper Co. Ltd., Sydney	110

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

	Kilometers
Paved Highways - Arterial	139.4
- Collector	302.5
- Local	262.9
Unpaved Highways	767.6
Total	1,472.4

Road Motor Vehicle Registrations, 1981

	Number
Passenger Automobiles	39,497
Trucks and buses	13,211
Total	52,708

TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

Rail

The entire industrial area of the county is served by Canadian National. Passenger rail service is provided by VIA Rail from Sydney to Truro and Halifax, and thence to out-of-province points. Both freight and passenger links are made to Newfoundland via North Sydney.

Air

Air Canada and E.P.A. provide regular service from the Sydney Airport to Halifax, Newfoundland, and other Canadian points. A total of 164,830 Origin and Destination Passengers were handled at the airport in 1981.

Bus

Acadian Lines operates daily service to Halifax and other provincial points from Sydney. Links are made at Truro to out-of-province points. Several local bus lines provide service between the incorporated towns of the county and to Victoria and Inverness Counties.

Marine

Sydney is a major year-round deep water port, handling a total of 2.1 million tonnes of cargo in 1980. Ship repair facilities are also available at the port.

North Sydney is the mainland terminal for C.N. Marine which operates the ferry and freight service to Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland.

At Point Edward (Sydport Industrial Park) there are four berths with a depth of water to 11 meters. Louisbourg is a major fishing port.

COMMUNICATIONS

Newspapers

	Circulation
Cape Breton Post (Daily)	31,000
Micmac News (Monthly)	3,905
The Coastal Courier (Weekly)	N/A

Radio Stations

Sydney - CBI	10,000 Watts
- CBI-FM	100,000 Watts
Sydney - CHER	10,000 Watts
Sydney - CJCB	10,000 Watts
- CKPE-FM	61,000 Watts
Sydney - CBAF-24-FM	100,000 Watts

TV Stations

Sydney - CJCB-TV	Channel 4	100,000 Watts
Sydney - CBIT	Channel 5	54,000 Watts
Sydney - CBHFT-3	Channel 13	4,500 Watts

SHOPPING CENTRES

Sydney Mall (Prince Street)	19,509 m^2	43 stores
C.B. Plaza (Sydney River)	22,482 m^2	23 stores
Sydney Mall (Welton Street)	14,585 m^2	21 stores

SHOPPING CENTRES (Continued)

Glace Bay - Sterling Mall	6,503 m^2	13 stores
Mayflower Mall (Grand Lake Road)	37,160 m^2	65 stores
North Sydney Mall (King Street)	15,274 m^2	31 stores

TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATIONS

	Hotel Rooms	Motel Units	Guest House Rooms	Cottages & Cabins	Total
Bras d'Or	-	48	6	4	58
Glace Bay	27	-	4	-	31
Louisbourg	-	47	4	-	51
North Sydney	-	75	9	-	84
Sydney	135	493	19	20	667
Total	162	663	42	24	891

CULTURAL FACILITIES

Libraries

Cape Breton Regional Library, with headquarters in Sydney, has branches in Dominion, Donkin, Florence, Glace Bay, Louisbourg, Main-a-Dieu, New Waterford, North Sydney, Reserve Mines and Sydney Mines.

CULTURAL FACILITIES (Continued)

Museums and Art Galleries

Miners Museum - Glace Bay
Beaton Institute (University College of Cape Breton) - Glace Bay Highway
French Mine - Port Morien
Old Sydney Museum (St. Patrick's Church) - Sydney
Cossitt House - Sydney
Atlantic Statiquarium, Marine Museum - Louisbourg
Fortress of Louisbourg - Louisbourg
Sydney and Louisbourg Railway Museum - Louisbourg

POOR

QUALITY

ORIGINAL